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### HOW IT CHECKS OFF INVENTION

It Fought the Duplex System and Half-rate Night Messages Until Forced to Adopt Both—Benefits Which the Public Should Obtain and Does Not.

Mr. Gardiner G. Hubbard, of this city, was the chief speaker at the hearing on the question of governmental control and ownership of the telegraph at the hearing before the Post Office Committee of the House yesterday.

In opening his argument in favor of the proposition, Mr. Hubbard declared that the chief difference between the post office and the telegraph company was that the one benefited the people particularly, while the other devoted its energies first to its stockholders and second to its patrons, and third, last, and least to the public.

The property of the Western Union was worth, according to Mr. Hubbard's statement, \$10,000,000 in 1869 and \$115,000,000 at the present time. This latter sum represented first, capital in competing companies bought out by the Western Union; second, profits after payment of dividends; third, the money borrowed for construction by mortgages of the company. All this difference, Mr. Hubbard claimed, represented the profits obtained out of the public in the period mentioned. Not one dollar of the increase had been paid for in cash.

Discussing the character of the company's business, Mr. Hubbard stated that 46 per cent. of the total was for speculative purposes, 34 per cent. for merchants, 12 per cent. for newspapers, while the amount for purely social messages was not more than 8 per cent. In Belgium to-day under government ownership the social messages aggregated 61 per cent. The object of these statistics was to show that the cheap rates offered by government ownership resulted in greater use of the wires by the people. As we needed the telegraph and telephone more than any other people, it followed that we ought to have better and cheaper facilities.

Continuing, Mr. Hubbard said that in New York city the average of telegrams was 4,500 a day at the present time, and then discussing the amount of money expended by the people in communications, he stated that when he was at college the annual amount expended, this country per capita was 25 cents, while now under 2-cent postage it was \$1.10.

The telephone, according to Mr. Hubbard, was greatly used by the people to-day because of the cheapness of the messages. He estimated that the net cost per message at present is 3 cents.

Taking up in detail the number of telegraph messages, he stated that the number in Great Britain was about the same as that in the United States. Now, after twenty-four years of government ownership in that country, the number of messages was about twice as great per capita.

One reason, according to Mr. Hubbard, why the telegraph could be conducted by the government more cheaply than by a private corporation was that the regular post offices could be used for the telegraph service and the mail carriers deliver the messages as they would letters on their regular routes. He claimed that even under the general delivery of the telegraph would reach its destination fully as quickly as it would by the present methods of the Western Union. For the reasons above, the government saving rent and loss of delivery, could undertake the service at a much lower rate. The greater the facilities the greater the business. In England, where the facilities had been increased by expenditure of 50 per cent., the business done was fully 100 per cent. more. It was not true that the cost of doing the extra business increased in the same proportion as the returns.

Mr. Hubbard then showed what reductions the Western Union had made in rates under what he termed the two periods of its history; the first being the Orton-Vanderbilt management and the latter the Green-Could. In the former administration the rate for long distance on the average had been reduced from 66 cents to 38.5 cents; in the latter only from 38.5 to 31 cents. Taking up the practical question of conducting and operating such a system by the government, Mr. Hubbard stated that the cost of construction would be of no greater moment, owing to the conditions required for underground wires under city ordinances, but that there was great improvement in the method of "strips" and relays, thus avoiding the extra labor of repeating messages. The telephone wire from New York to Chicago cost \$1,500,000. He favored the government making a trial of the system by having a greater number of lines constructed, and by the use of the telegraph system, say from Washington to Boston via Philadelphia and New York, and another from Washington to Chicago via Pittsburg. This would be a good system to begin with.

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## HARD LINES FOR DYOTT.

Trial of the Alleged Bigamist and Embezzler to Come Up To-morrow.

Samuel H. Dyott, who is to be tried at Rockville, Md., to-morrow for bigamy, stoutly maintains that he is not the man who was married to Miss Margo Ricketts, and Father Rosensteel, the minister who married the couple, also has some doubts as to Dyott's identity.

Despite these statements, however, Miss Ricketts says that he is the man who not only married and deserted her, but carried \$700 of her money with him when he left her. Dyott also claims that the lady who poses as his wife was not married to him, but is an employee of his sister's in Baltimore.

Regarding the other charges against him, they are still pending, and should he happen to get released from his present position he will be brought back and tried by the District authorities.

The most severe charge is the embezzlement of over \$900 from the Crawford Shoe Company, a well-known shoe store. It was learned at the city hall yesterday that the reason he was turned over to the Maryland authorities was that they have a case against him which will incarcerate him in prison for a much longer term should he be convicted, and he will be tried for his doings here also.

No new developments in the case could be obtained last night, as Dyott's attorney, Mr. Campbell Carrington, could not be found. Mr. Carrington was at Rockville yesterday.

The Crawford Shoe Company have had several chances to settle their little difficulty with Dyott, but the efforts on the part of his family and friends have been refused. They have instructed their manager here not to accept any settlement whatever.

The trial to-morrow will be watched with interest, as the gay Lodiario has aroused the people's curiosity to a great extent. The fact that he is not married to the present Mrs. Dyott will be quite a surprise if it is proven. He stated in the presence of a number of witnesses just before going to Rockville and also in the presence of her that he was never married to her. Regarding Miss Clippier, it was learned that her home recently that she will not be in the present trial, as Miss Ricketts' testimony will be amply sufficient, but should be not be the husband of the present Mrs. Dyott No. 1, her testimony will be valuable to the authorities, providing they have been married.

### MINOR BILLS PASSED.

The Senate Disposes of Some Small Legislation and Holds Executive Session.

Owing to the fact that the major portion of yesterday in the Senate was to be held behind closed doors in the consideration of executive business, Mr. Harris decided to make no attempt to take up the tariff bill.

Immediately after the reading of the journal the Senate proceeded to the consideration of bills on the calendar. A bill for the relief of the citizens of Idaho and Washington who served with the United States troops in the war against the Nez Peres and Hancock and Shoshone Indians and the heirs of those killed in that service was passed on motion of Mr. Shoup.

One of two unimportant private bills were passed, after which Mr. Hinton again called up the bill to remit the penalties on the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius, which he has made ineffectual efforts to have passed for several days.

Mr. Chandler opposed it as a "one-sided and losing business for the government," but it was passed.

At 11:35, on motion of Mr. Harris, the doors were closed and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business. At 3:45 p. m. the doors were reopened and the Senate adjourned.

### THE SILVER QUESTION.

A New Scheme for its Final Solution Including Free Unlimited Coinage.

Mr. J. G. Herwig, of Indianapolis, Ind., who has made the silver question a study for years, has arrived at the following scheme for its final and practical solution: He is of the opinion that at present free and unlimited coinage of an annually correct silver dollar, correct as to its bullion value compared with that of the gold dollar, should be adopted by the government of this country.

Only silver produced in the United States, and not derived from annually correct silver dollars coined in previous years, should, under the respective oaths of the mint, be admitted to such free coinage. The new temporary dollars should be just as well full legal tender money as the present standard silver dollars. Silver certificates of a new kind should be issued by the government for such annually correct silver dollars deposited with it. The variety of the bullion value of the new silver dollars, coined in different years, could not affect their circulation, because every one of them, irrespective of its weight, by the stamp of the government and the mint, would be as good as gold. They would always be worth just 100 hundred cents in gold, and never more nor less.

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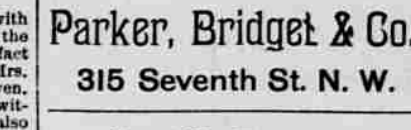
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